

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 21, to page 3, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Accordingly there is provided a sanitary napkin disposal assembly, said assembly including:

a cartridge having an internal storage compartment with an opening at one end, with retaining means for supporting a bag within the storage compartment;

a rod having ~~moveable between~~ an open position, in which a top surface of said rod is accessible, and a closed position in which said rod is housed within the storage compartment;

such that when a sanitary napkin is disposed of by being placed on the top surface of the rod in the open position, with the bag subsequently unfolding in a longitudinal extending action into the storage compartment, with the retaining means capturing the sanitary napkin therein the bag, as the rod moves to the closed position.

Please add the Abstract as attached hereto.